

1015 Lexington Avenue (House)  
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First Ward Neighborhood  
Altoona  
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Date of Erection: 1860s

Description: This two-story house measures approximately 23' x 42'. The wood-frame structure is covered with asphalt shingles. The three-bay front has a one-story projecting bay and an enclosed porch. There is a side-gable roof.

History: This house was built before 1870 when Thomas J. Williams, a tax collector, lived here. In 1877 it was acquired by John P. Lafferty, a butcher, for \$1,850. By 1888 Lafferty had changed his profession to undertaker. He constructed the house next door at No. 1011-13, and moved there in 1890. In 1900 his son, Charles, an embalmer, lived in No. 1015.

Sources: Maps: 1882, 1888. City directories. Tax assessment records. Deed books: 38/78, 534/327.

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